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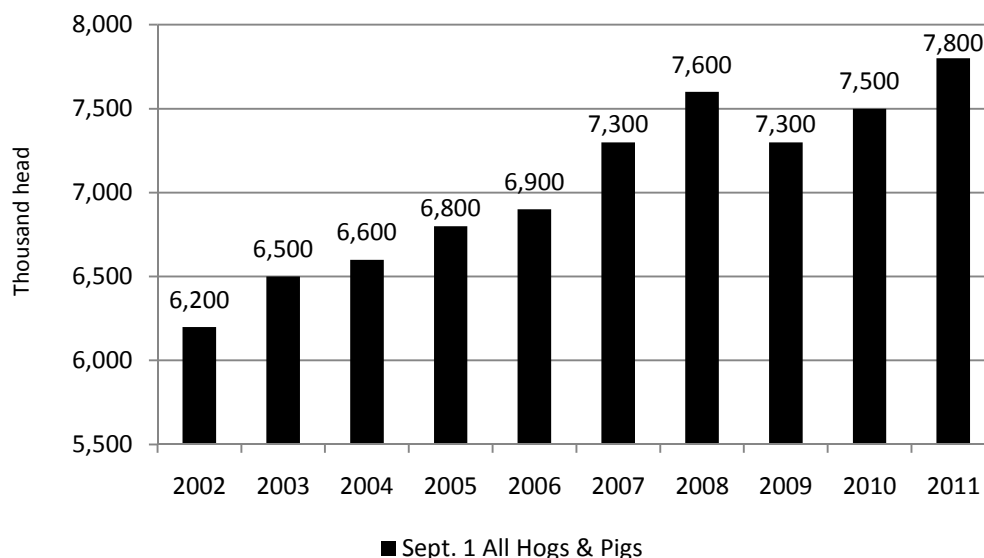
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MINNESOTA HOG INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT FROM JUNE

Minnesota hog producers had an inventory of 7.80 million hogs and pigs on September 1, 2011, up 4 percent from last year and up 1 percent from the June 1, 2011, figure, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Breeding hogs totaled 560 thousand head, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Market hogs and pigs at 7.24 million head, were up 4 percent from a year ago.

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STATE PIG CROP UP 4 PERCENT FROM 2010

Minnesota's June-August 2011 pig crop totaled 2.97 million head, up 4 percent from a year earlier but down 1 percent from the March-May 2011 pig crop. The 290 thousand sows that farrowed averaged 10.25 pigs per litter, up from 10.20 a year ago.

SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2011 AND DECEMBER 2011-FEBRUARY 2012 INTENTIONS

Hog producers in Minnesota intend to farrow 290 thousand sows during the September-November 2011 quarter. If realized, this would be up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier. Producers also intend to farrow 290 thousand sows during the December 2011-February 2012 quarter. If realized, this would be up 2 percent from the same period in 2010-2011.

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U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2011 was 66.6 million head. This was up 1 percent from September 1, 2010, and up 3 percent from June 1, 2011.

Breeding inventory, at 5.81 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 60.8 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 3 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2010 pig crop, at 29.1 million head, was up 1 percent from 2010 and up 1 percent from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from 2010 and down 2 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.03 for the June-August 2011 period, compared to 9.81 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

REVISIONS

All inventory and pig crop estimates for September 2010 through June 2011 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, an adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the March 2011 total inventory. An adjustment of one half of one percent was made to the June 2011 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the December 2010-February 2011 pig crop.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop,
United States, December-November 2010-2011**

Month	Sows Farrowing ¹		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop ¹	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Dec ²	973	953	9.62	9.81	9,358	9,345
Jan	960	954	9.58	9.76	9,197	9,312
Feb	940	937	9.62	9.83	9,042	9,212
Mar	982	970	9.76	10.02	9,588	9,721
Apr	972	950	9.84	10.02	9,560	9,518
May	976	957	9.82	10.04	9,582	9,612
Jun	990	980	9.78	10.04	9,679	9,839
Jul	980	956	9.83	10.00	9,637	9,559
Aug	973	965	9.82	10.04	9,555	9,686
Sep	982		9.91		9,734	
Oct	954		9.90		9,450	
Nov	945		9.85		9,305	
Total	11,626		9.78		113,686	

¹ Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

² December preceding year.